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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO REDUCE VARIATION OF EXCESS FIBER LENGTH IN
BUFFER TUBES OF FIBER OPTIC CABLES

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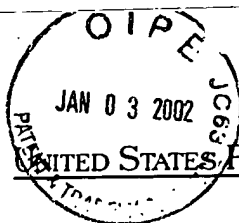
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
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